### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

D. G. SWEIGERT,

Plaintiff,

23-cv-5875 (JGK) 23-cv-6881 (JGK)

- against -

ORDER

JASON GOODMAN, ET AL.,

Defendants.

#### JOHN G. KOELTL, District Judge:

The plaintiff has met the requirement for effecting service through alternative means pursuant to the New York State Statute.

See N.Y. C.P.L.R. §\$ 308(5), 311(b); see also Restoration

Hardware, Inc. v. Lighting Design Wholesalers, Inc., No. 17-cv-5553, 2020 WL 4497160, at \*1 (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 5, 2020), report and recommendation adopted, No. 17-cv-5553, 2020 WL 7093592 (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 4, 2020).

Accordingly, the plaintiff may serve the Summons, Complaint, and all other pleadings and papers in this action upon defendant Goodman d/b/a 21st Century 3D d/b/a CrowdSource The Truth by sending the Summons and Amended Complaint, and a copy of this Order, by electronic mail to the email address for the defendant listed in the plaintiff's October 10, 2023 submission.

As to the status of service on the other defendants -- Corean Elizabeth Stoughton, Alphabet, Inc., and X Corp. -- the plaintiff is directed to update this Court on the status of service on the defendants by October 26, 2023. The plaintiff is advised that if assistance is needed, the plaintiff may contact NYLAG.

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The Clerk is directed to mail a copy of this Order to the prose plaintiff and note service on the docket.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York

October 12, 2023

John G. Koeltl

United States District Judge



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#### **Location and Hours:**

Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse

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#### Clinic Staff Can:

- Advise on filing cases in federal court, including on the issue of whether a case should be filed in the Southern District of New York or somewhere else;
- Provide legal advice in response to questions that come up at any stage of litigation;
- Assist in getting additional information or research into the legal issue in your case;
- Review and explain court orders and filings by your opponent, and provide an overview of the federal legal process in civil cases generally;
- Assist with motions, discovery, and strategy;
- Assist with getting ready for depositions, pretrial conferences, mediations, and court appearances;
- Provide forms and instructions manuals;
- In appropriate cases, help you retain pro bono counsel;
- In appropriate cases, represent you in a mediation through the Southern District's Alternative Dispute Resolution Program, or a court-ordered settlement conference;
- In appropriate cases, represent you at a deposition; and
- In appropriate cases, provide referrals to other agencies and organizations that provide civil legal services and/or social services.

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#### Clinic Staff Cannot:

- Assist with federal civil cases that belong in a different federal court, such as the Eastern District of New York, which covers of New York, which covers Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, and Nassau and Suffolk Counties;
- · Assist with an appeal of your federal case;
- Assist with state court cases, bankruptcy court cases, or criminal cases;
- Pay any of the costs associated with filing or defending a lawsuit in federal court;
- · File documents with the court on your behalf;
- Appear on your behalf other than representation at a mediation through the Southern District's Alternative Dispute Resolution Program, a court-ordered settlement conference, or, in appropriate cases, a deposition;
- · Write court documents for you; or
- Conduct an investigation into the facts of your case.

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- NYLAG has already given advice to your opponent;
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- Providing assistance would conflict with the New York Rules of Professional Conduct;
- Your income and/or assets are high enough to allow you to retain private counsel; or
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